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Mr. Gerardo Rios – via email (R9AirPermits\_sc@epa.gov) USEPA Region IX, Mail Stop AIR-3 75 Hawthorne San Francisco, CA 94105

SUBJECT:

Edison Mission Energy (EME), Proposed 500 Megawatt Power Plant; Facility ID No.

146536, Location: Walnut Creek Energy, LLC (WCE), 911 Bixby Drive, City of Industry, CA

91744, (05-AFC-2)

Dear Mr. Rios:

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has received and reviewed permit applications for the subject gas turbine power plant project. Edison Mission Energy (EME) is proposing to install and operate a 500 megawatt (MW) natural gas fired power plant located at the facility location shown above. This power plant will operate annually on an intermittent basis during periods of high electricity demand.

The AQMD has evaluated the subject permit applications and made a preliminary determination that the equipment will comply with all of the applicable requirements of our Rules and Regulations. We intend to issue the final permit at (1) the end of the 30-day public comment and review period and after all pertinent comments have been considered, and (2) upon receiving EPA approval of the Title V permit, and 3) upon issuance of a license from the California Energy Commission.

Based on the emission potential, this project is subject to the public notice requirements of AQMD Rules 212 (Standards for Approving Permits) and 3006 (Title V), and has applied for an Initial Title V Permit. Therefore, this project is subject to a 45-day EPA review and a 30-day public notice period under AQMD Rules 212 and 3006.

Please find enclosed AQMD's analysis, the proposed Title V permit and the public notice for the subject project issued in accordance with AQMD Rules 212 and 3006. The public notice provides for a 30-day comment period prior to making a final decision on issuance of the permit. The public notice is also being published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the project, and it is also being forwarded to other interested parties.

If you wish to provide comments or have any questions regarding this project, please contact Mr. Kenneth L. Coats at (909) 396-2527/ <a href="mailto:kcoats@aqmd.gov">kcoats@aqmd.gov</a> or Mr. John Yee at (909) 396-2531/<a href="mailto:jvee@aqmd.gov">jvee@aqmd.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Public Notice Proposed Title V Permit Preliminary Engineering Analysis

cc:

Mr. Thomas J. McCabe, EME

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